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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1- 8 (**canceled**)

9. (New) A thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition comprising:
- (A) about 40 to 95 parts by weight of a styrenic resin;
 - (B) about 5 to 60 parts by weight of a polyphenylene ether;
 - (C) about 0.1 to 40 parts by weight of a rubber modified polystyrene copolymer resin based on 100 parts by weight of the sum of (A) and (B) wherein said rubber modified polystyrene copolymer resin is comprised of about 40 to 65 % by weight of a rubber and 60 to 35 % by weight of a polystyrene copolymer resin which contains about 0. 1 to 8 % by weight of acrylonitrile or methacrylonitrile and about 92 to 99.9 % of an aromatic vinyl monomer excluding rubber wherein the vinyl monomer is styrene, α -methyl styrene, or p-methyl styrene; and
 - (D) about 5 to 30 parts by weight of an aromatic phosphoric acid ester compound based on 100 parts by weight of the sum of (A) and (B).
10. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said styrenic resin (A) is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene resin, rubber modified polystyrene resin and a mixture thereof.
11. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 10, wherein said styrenic resin (A) is polystyrene.
12. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 10, wherein said styrenic resin (A) is a rubber modified polystyrene resin.

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13. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin contains about 0.1 to 8 % by weight of acrylonitrile excluding rubber.

14. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin contains about 0.1 to 8 % by weight of methacrylonitrile excluding rubber.

15. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin further comprises less than 40 parts by weight of a monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylate, maleic anhydride, and N-substituted maleimide, per 100 parts by weight of said rubber modified styrenic resin.

16. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin contains 0.1 to 5 % by weight of acrylonitrile excluding rubber.

17. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin contains 0.1 to 5 % by weight of methacrylonitrile excluding rubber.

18. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin contains 95 to 99.9 % by weight of an aromatic vinyl monomer excluding rubber wherein the styrene monomer is styrene, α -methyl styrene, or p-methyl styrene.

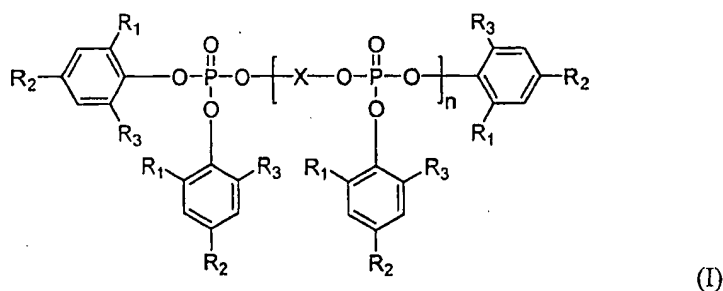
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19. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said styrene copolymer resin contains 95 to 99.9 % by weight of styrene excluding rubber.

20. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, wherein said aromatic phosphoric acid ester (D) is represented by following formula (I):



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 independently of one another are hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl; X is a C_{6-20} aryl group or alkyl-substituted C_{6-20} aryl group that are derivatives from a dialcohol derivative wherein the dialcohol derivative is resorcinol, hydroquinol, bisphenol-A or bisphenol-S; and n is 0~4.

21. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 9, further comprising an anti-dripping agent, an impact modifier, an inorganic filler, a heat stabilizer, an anti-oxidants, a light stabilizer, a pigment, and/or dye.

22. (New) A thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition comprising:
(A) about 40 to 95 parts by weight of a styrenic resin;
(B) about 5 to 60 parts by weight of a polyphenylene ether;
(C) about 0.1 to 40 parts by weight of a rubber modified polystyrene copolymer resin based on 100 parts by weight of the sum of (A) and (B) wherein said rubber modified

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polystyrene copolymer resin is comprised of about 40 to 65 % by weight of a rubber and 60 to 35 % by weight of a polystyrene copolymer resin which contains about 0.1 to 8 % by weight of acrylonitrile and about 92 to 99.9 % of styrene excluding rubber; and

(D) about 5 to 30 parts by weight of an aromatic phosphoric acid ester compound based on 100 parts by weight of the sum of (A) and (B).

23. (New) The thermoplastic flame retardant resin composition as defined in claim 22, wherein said polystyrene copolymer resin contains 0.1 to 5 % by weight of acrylonitrile and about 95 to 99.9% by weight of styrene excluding rubber.